



**Badger Meter Europa GmbH**

## **VHQ 500-SP/SPS**

**Ultrasonic flow meter  
for open channels and partially filled  
pipes**

## **INSTALLATION MANUAL**

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## 1. General description

The flow meter VHQ 500-SP was designed for flow measurement in partially filled pipes and open channels.

A sensor measures flow velocity and level.

A 32 bits microprocessor calculates and administers the measuring data.

A LCD graphic display (128 x 64 pixels) allows data programming and data read out.

The programming is menu driven upon dialog texts and numbers are entered upon a keypad.

A 4digit ID number prevents from unauthorized access and protect the parameters of the measurement site.

The programming is showed in chapter 3 in the form of a flow chart and described in chapter 6.

The flow meter has a 256 KB RAM memory, which records the measuring data. 256 KB RAM corresponds to about 25.000 measuring data. The memory records following data: Date, time, flow, flow velocity, level, quantity, measurement site.

A RS232 serial port makes data read out on PC possible.

The unit can administrate up to 99 measurement sites.

Three potentialfree contacts can be programmed to transmit either quantity pulses or limit values.

For external level measurement (sensor) an analogue input 4 – 20 mA is available.

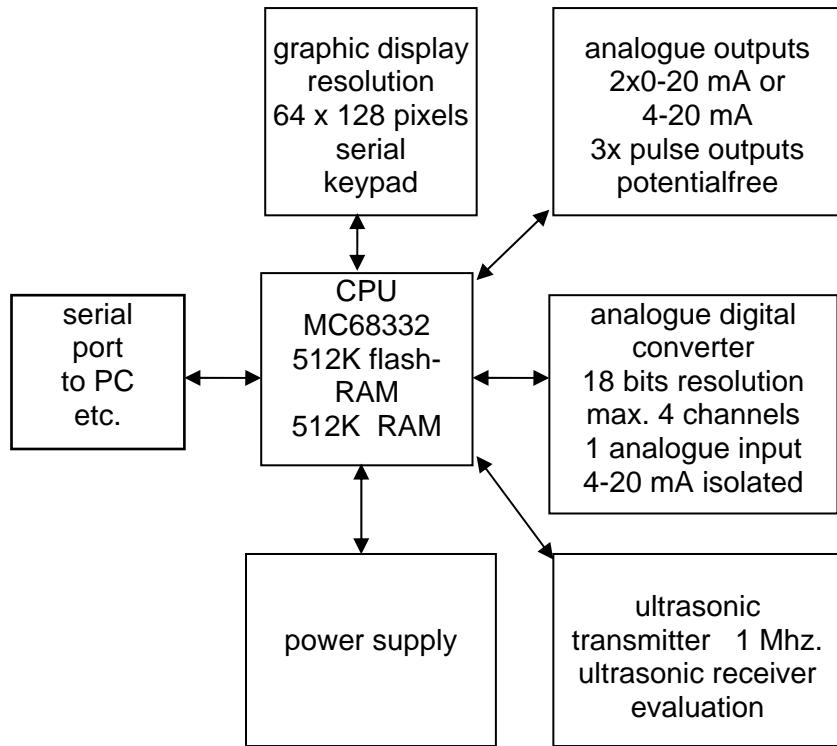
Analogue outputs 1 and 2 are isolated. Both can be programmed for 0-20 mA or 4-20 mA and be alternatively assigned to level, flow or flow velocity.

Power supply for the portable meter is ensured by an integrated 12V battery. A battery charger will be connected to the meter from outside to recharge the battery. The battery is protected from low discharging and has a life time of about 7 days. Requested power supply for the stationary meter is 90 to 240 VAC or 18 to 32 VDC.



## 2. Technical data/Block diagram

### 2.1 Block diagram



### 2.2 Data

CPU : Motorola MC68332 32 bits  
Flash-RAM : 512 K  
RAM : 512 K  
Interfaces : 1 x RS232 serial port  
1 x serial TTL

### 2.3 Combined sensor V/H

- a) Doppler velocity
- b) pressure level

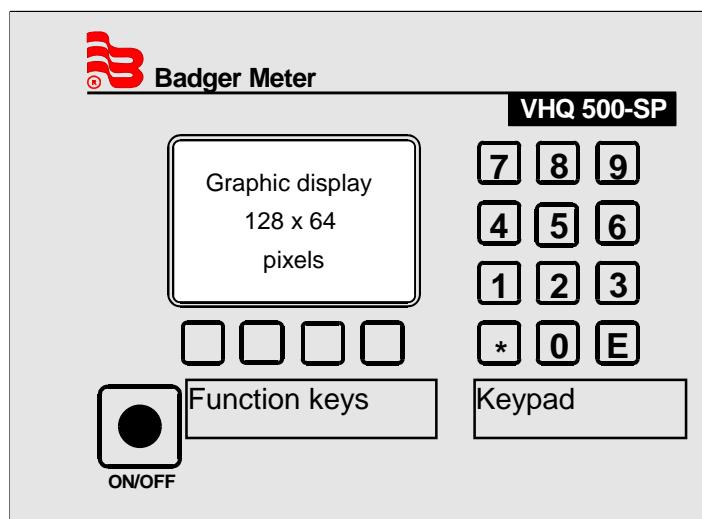
### 2.4 External sensor input 4-20 mA

for level measurement power supply 24 VDC / max. 300 mA





#### 4. Description of front panel



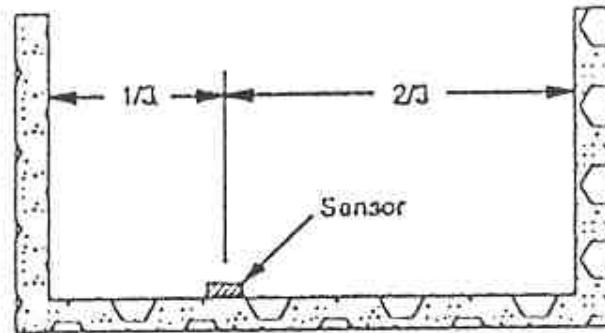
- Key on/off to switch on/off
- Function keys are used to retrieve measuring data and to program the unit.
- Keypad for programming.



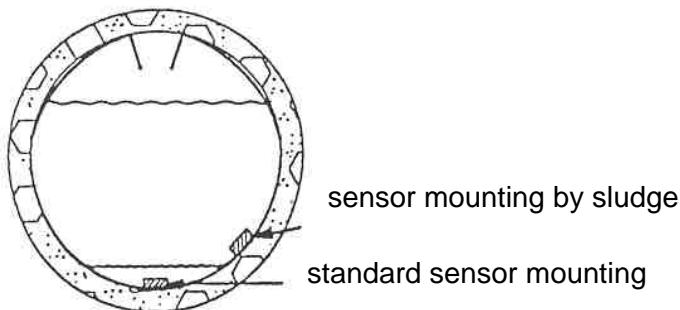
## 5. Sensor installation

Sensor mounting into the channel:

- rectangular shaped channel



- typical sensor mounting in a circular channel is always on the deepest place of the pipe. The sensor is usually screwed on a mounting band.



### **CAUTION FOR STATIONARY VERSION!**

After connection of the sensor cable at the terminal, please remove the rubber protection cap from the capillary tube.



## 6. Programming

### 6.1 Programming on stage „ON“

Once the meter has been switched on, the operation software is loaded into the RAM.

Following screen appears on the display:

Illustration 10

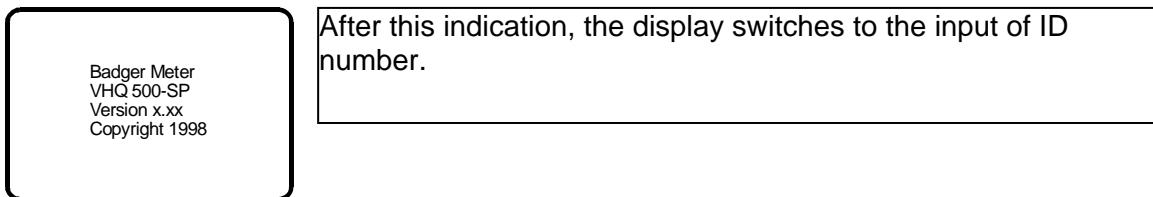


Illustration 10.1

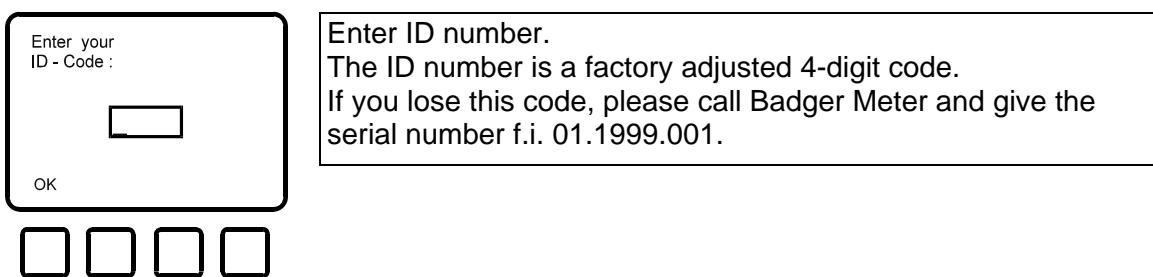
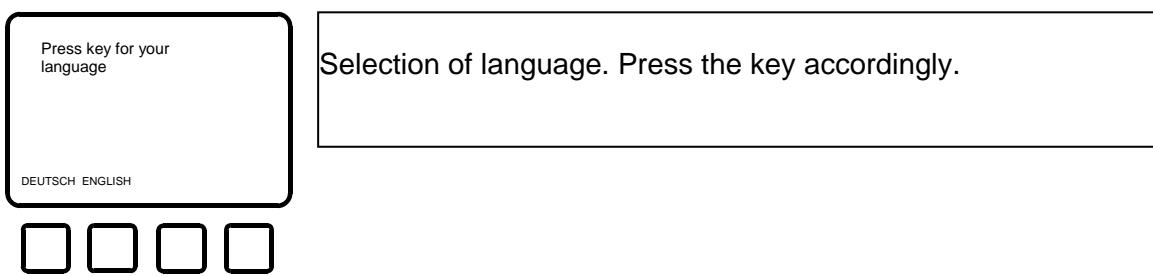
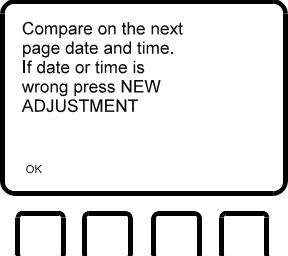


Illustration 11

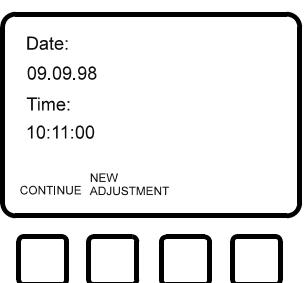


## Illustration 12



Please check date and time.

## Illustration 13



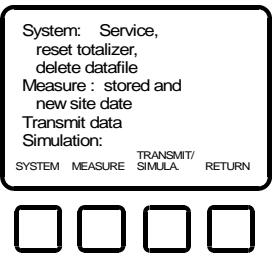
If date and time is correct, press CONTINUE.  
If date and/or time is wrong, press NEW ADJUSTMENT.

## Illustration 14



Adjust date and time with LEFT/RIGHT keys.  
Enter the figures by pressing numbers on the keypad and confirm with OK.

## Illustration 15



Choice of programming stage:  
SYSTEM, MEASURE, TRANSMIT DATA  
or RETURN.

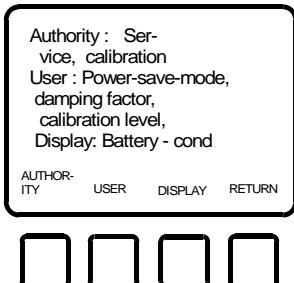
Select SYSTEM  
Select MEASURE  
Select TRANSMIT-SIMUL.  
Select RETURN

Illustration 16  
Illustration 36

Illustration 12



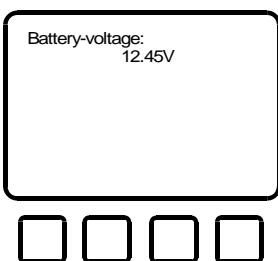
Illustration 16



Select USER  
Select AUTHORITY  
Select DISPLAY

Illustration 17  
Illustration 25  
Illustration 16.1

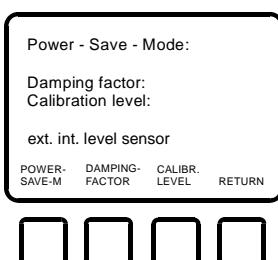
Illustration 16.1



Indication of the actual battery voltage.

If the battery voltage is below the minimum, this will appear on the display.

Illustration 17

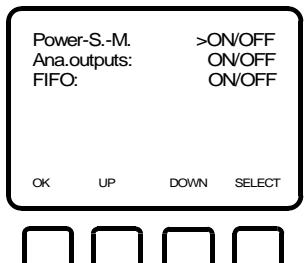


Power-Save-Mode (save battery power)  
Damping factor  
Level sensor calibration (ext./int.)

Select POWER-SAVE-M  
Select DAMPING FACTOR  
Select CALIBR. LEVEL  
Select RETURN

Illustration 18  
Illustration 19  
Illustration 20  
Illustration 16

Illustration 18



Power-Save-Mode ON/OFF (if this mode is ON, the electronic will go into sleep mode between the programmed measuring intervals).

Analogue outputs ON/OFF (if no analogue output is requested, select OFF to save power).

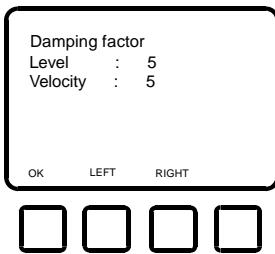
FIFO ON/OFF (ON means first in, first out)

(OFF means storing until memory filled)

Select ON/OFF with key SELECT and UP/DOWN.  
Confirm with OK.

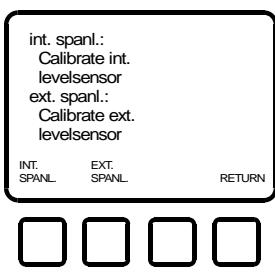


Illustration 19



**Damping factors**  
1 = 1 x measurement and indication  
2 = 2 x measurements with average values  
3 = 3 x measurements with average values  
4 = 4 x measurements with average values  
5 = 5 x measurements with average values  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT.  
Confirm with OK.

Illustration 19.1



**Selection of the level sensors ext./int.**  
int. spanl. = standard V/H sensor, illustr. 20  
ext. spanl = sensor with 4-20 mA output, illustr. 24.1  
Return = illustr. 17



## 6.2 Level adjustment

Illustration 20

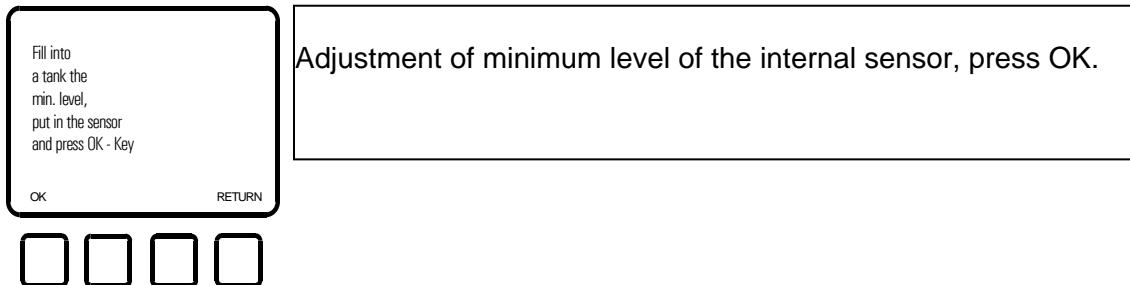


Illustration 21

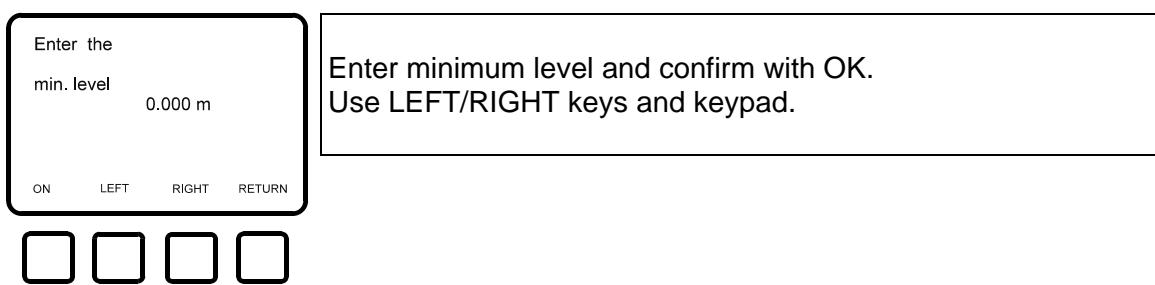


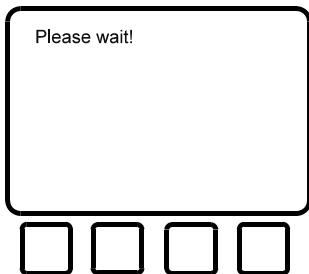
Illustration 22



Adjustment of maximum level of the int. sensor. Confirm with OK.



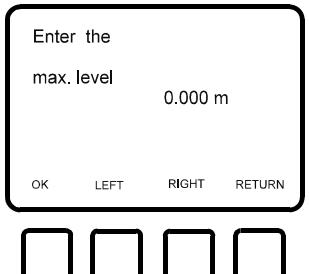
Illustration 23



Capturing maximum level.



Illustration 24



Enter maximum level and confirm with OK. Use LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.



Illustration 24.1

Connect the external sensor with the current input of the electronic.	Adjustment of the external sensor.
OK	RETURN

Illustration 24.2

For calibration enter the min. level. 0.000m	4 mA from external sensor, confirm with OK.		
OK	LEFT	RIGHT	RETURN

Illustration 24.3

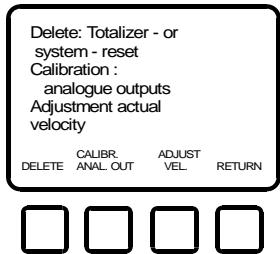
For calibration enter the max. level. 0.000m	20 mA from external sensor, confirm with OK.		
OK	LEFT	RIGHT	RETURN

Illustration 25

Enter the security ID code	Enter 4 digit ID-number (authorized persons only). Use keypad and confirm with OK.
<input type="text"/>	
OK	RETURN



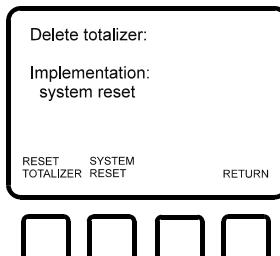
## Illustration 26



Delete totalizer, measuring data and system reset.  
Calibration of analogue outputs.  
Adjustment of flow velocity.

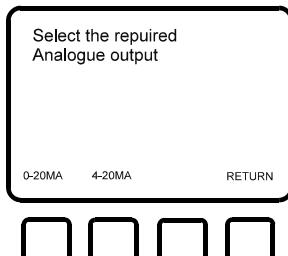
Key DELETE Illustration 27  
Key CALIBR. ANAL. OUT. Illustration 28  
Key ADJUST. VEL. Illustration 33  
Key RETURN Illustration 16

## Illustration 27



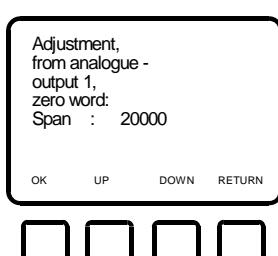
Select RESET TOTALIZER and measuring data  
Select SYSTEM RESET (all measuring data and stored parameters are deleted).  
Select RETURN to return to illustration 26

## Illustration 28



Select calibration of analogue outputs 0-20 mA or 4-20 mA.  
Key 0-20 mA Illustration 29  
Key 4-20 mA Process like 0-20 mA  
Key RETURN Illustration 26

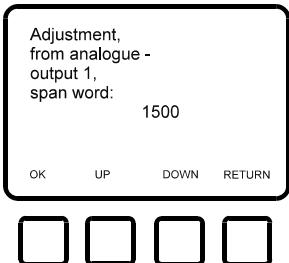
## Illustration 29



Calibration of analogue output 1, connect current meter.  
Adjust 0 mA with UP/DOWN keys.  
Confirm with OK Illustration 30  
Key RETURN Illustration 28



## Illustration 30

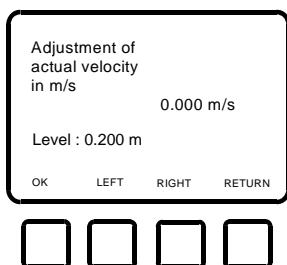


Calibration of analogue output 1.  
Adjust 20 mA with UP/DOWN keys.  
Confirm with OK  
Key RETURN

Illustration 31  
Illustration 29

Illustration 31 is like illustration 29 but calibration analogue output 2.  
Illustration 32 is like illustration 30 but calibration analogue output 2.

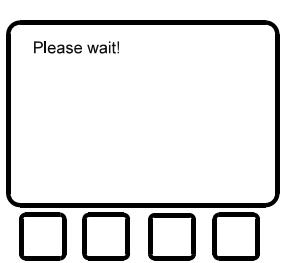
## Illustration 33



Adjustment of flow velocity.  
Enter actual velocity with LEFT/RIGHT buttons and keypad.  
Confirm with OK  
Key RETURN

Illustration 34  
Illustration 26

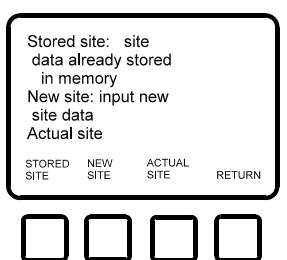
## Illustration 34



Compensation of velocity is released by pressing OK.

After display „Please wait“, you go automatically back to illustration 26.

## Illustration 35



Key STORED SITE (already configurated) Illustration 36  
Key NEW SITE Illustration 46  
Key ACTUAL SITE Illustration 72  
Key RETURN Illustration 15





## Illustration 40

Memory:

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00000 09.09.98 12:10:25 0.000 M/S
0.540 M 6553 L/S 12345.678 M3 00
00001 09.09.98 12:10:25 0.000 M/S
0.540 M 6553 L/S 12345.678 M3 00
00002 09.09.98 12:10:25 0.000 M/S
0.540 M 6553 L/S 12345.678 M3 00
00003 09.09.98 12:10:25 0.000 M/S
0.540 M 6553 L/S 12345.678 M3 00

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PARAMET. UP DOWN RETURN

Stored measuring data:

1. Position #	2. Date	3. Time	4. Flow velocity
5. Level	6. Flow	7. Total	5. Site #

Key PARAMET.

Key UP/DOWN

Key RETURN

Illustration 41

shift measuring values

Illustration 39

## Illustration 41

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SITE : 00 channel1
MAIN-RECORDING-INT: 15 s
MAX. LEVEL : 2.5000 M
ALTERNATE-RECORDING INT:
PULSE OUTPUT: 001 MIN
ENTRY POINT: 0 M3
RISE FACTOR: 0.000 M
0 %/M

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RETURN

Indication of adjusted parameters.

Key RETURN

Illustration 39

## Illustration 42

Select graphic:

- View level
- View velocity
- View flow

LEVEL VELOCITY FLOW RETURN

Select graphic LEVEL  
 Select graphic VELOCITY  
 Select graphic FLOW  
 Key RETURN

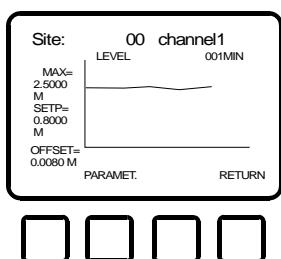
Illustration 43

Illustration 44

Illustration 45

Illustration 39

## Illustration 43



Graphic of level with site #, offset of sensor and set point.

Key PARAMET.

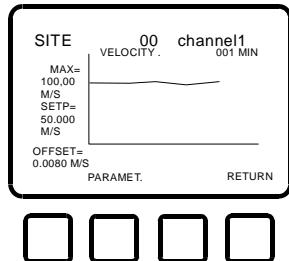
Key RETURN

Illustration 41

Illustration 42



Illustration 44



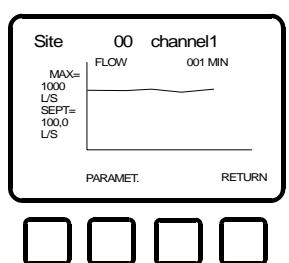
Graphic of flow velocity with site #, offset of sensor and set point.

Key PARAMET.  
Key RETURN

Illustration 41  
Illustration 42



Illustration 45



Graphic of flow with site #, and set point.

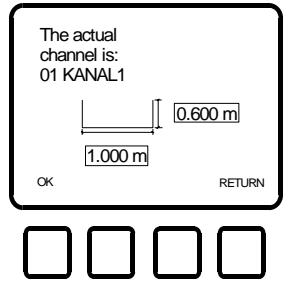
Key PARAMET.  
Key RETURN

Illustration 41  
Illustration 42



### 6.3 New site

Illustration 46



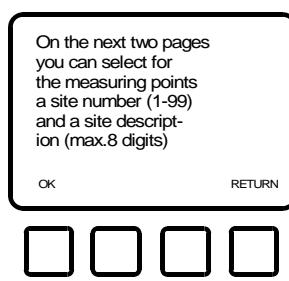
Indication of the shape of the latest selected site.

Key OK  
Key Return

Illustration 46.1  
Illustration 35



Illustration 46.1



Continue with OK  
Back with RETURN

Illustration 47  
Illustration 35



## Illustration 47

Denote the measuring point (1-99)  
00

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN



Enter site # upon the keypad.

Continue with OK  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT  
Back with RETURN

Illustration 48

Illustration 35

## Illustration 48

Site description (max. 8 digits).  
CHANNEL

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPQRSTUVWXYZ  
UVWXYZ1234567890

OK LEFT RIGHT STORAGE



Select letters or figures by moving the flashing line under the digits with LEFT/RIGHT keys.

Store the site description with STORAGE.  
Continue with OK

Illustration 49

## Illustration 48.1

Selection of the measuring range of the ext. and int. sensor.

INT. above	0.000m
EXT. above	0.000m

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN



## Example:

- Measuring only with internal sensor adjustement = 0.000m
- Measuring only with external sensor adjustement = 0.001 m
- Measurement with internal sensor up to 0.200 m and external sensor up to 1.000 m  
adjustment internal = 0.000 m  
adjustment external = 0.200 m
- Measurement with external sensor up to 0.200 m and internal sensor up to 1.000 m  
adjustment internal = 0.200 m  
adjustment external = 0.000 m

## Illustration 49

Angular: rectangular -, trapezoid  
Round: circular -, egg shape  
Other: special shape

ANGULAR ROUND OTHER RETURN



## Selection of channel shape:

Key ANGULAR	Illustration 50
Key ROUND	Illustration
Key OTHER (special)	Illustration
Key RETURN	Illustration 46



**Illustration 50**

rectangular:  
measures of channel,  
set points, offsets,  
pulse and analogue-  
outputs , entry point,  
rise factor  
trapezoid : s.a.m

RECTANGULAR TRAPEZOID

RETURN

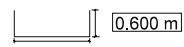


Select RECTANGULAR channel  
Select TRAPEZOIDAL channel  
Key RETURN

Illustration 51  
Illustration 64  
Illustration 49

**Illustration 51**

Input measures of the  
rectangular channel:



OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN



Enter channel dimensions.  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys.  
Enter figures upon the keypad.  
Continue with OK  
RETURN

Illustration 52  
Illustration 50



## Illustration 52

Input max. values of:			
Level	:	2.500	m
Velocity	:	1.000	m/s
Flow	:	10.000	l/s
OK	LEFT	RIGHT	RETURN
<input type="button" value="  "/>			

Enter max. values for V, H and Q (assignment of analogue outputs).  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys (or figures upon the keypad).  
Continue with OK Illustration 53  
RETURN Illustration 49



### Illustration 53

Input the set points			
Level	:	2.500 m	
Velocity	:	1.000 m/s	
Flow	:	10.000 l/s	
OK	LEFT	RIGHT	RETURN
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Enter alarm set points for V, H and Q.  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys (or figures upon the keypad).  
Continue with OK Illustration 54  
RETURN Illustration 52



### Illustration 54

Input	offsets		
offset level :	+0.000 m		
offset velocity:	+ 0.000m/s		
OK	LEFT	RIGHT	ALGEBRAI SIGN
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Enter offset values for level and velocity.  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys (or figures upon the keypad).  
Select positive/negative with ALGEBRAIC SIGN.  
Continue with OK. Illustration 55



### Illustration 55

A screenshot of a software interface titled 'Assign analogue and pulse outputs'. It lists four output types: Level, Velocity, Flow, and Pulse o. Each has a corresponding slider bar. Below the sliders are buttons for OK, UP, DOWN, and SELECT. At the bottom are four empty square input fields.





## Illustration 60

Configuration of the pulse output.  
(1 - 999 l or  
0.001- 999 m<sup>3</sup>)

Pulse output: 000.000 m<sup>3</sup>

OK    LEFT    RIGHT    UNIT



Configuration of the totalizer pulse output 1 to 999 litres or 0,001 to 999 m<sup>3</sup>.  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.  
Select between litres and m<sup>3</sup> with UNIT key.  
Confirm with OK

Illustration 61

Input entry - point of rise-factor

Entry point: 0.000 m

OK    LEFT    RIGHT    RETURN



Configuration of the entry point (start point) of rise factor.  
Enter level with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.  
RETURN

Illustration 58

Confirm with OK

Illustration 62

Input rise - factor

Rise - factor : 000%/m

OK    LEFT    RIGHT    RETURN



Configuration of the rise factor.  
Enter rise factor in % per metre (max. 255%/m).  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.  
Key RETURN

Illustration 61

Confirm with OK

Illustration 63

By pressing OK the configured data are stored.

OK    RETURN



Save all configured data by pressing OK.

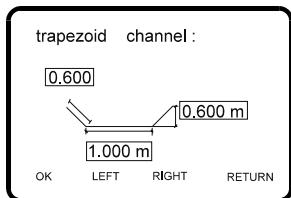
Press OK for storage  
Key RETURN

Illustration 37

Illustration 62



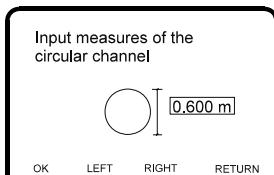
Illustration 64



Enter trapezoidal channel dimensions.  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.  
Key RETURN Illustration 49



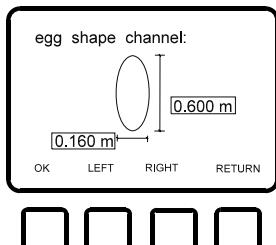
Illustration 65



Enter circular channel dimensions.  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.  
Key RETURN Illustration



Illustration 66



Enter egg shaped channel dimensions.  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.  
Key RETURN Illustration



## 7. Switch on and measure

By configuring actual site „ON“ in chapter 6, page 14, illustration 35, you come directly after having switched on the VHQ into the measuring mode. The latest channel you have chosen appears on the display.

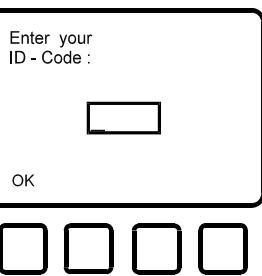
### Switch on the meter.

Illustration 70

Badger Meter  
VHQ 500-SP  
Version x.xx  
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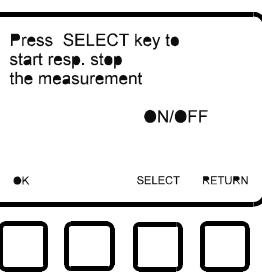
After this indication, the display switches to the input of ID-number.

Illustration 71



Enter ID number.  
The ID number is a factory adjusted 4-digit code.  
If you lose this code, please call Badger Meter and give the serial number.

Illustration 72



Press SELECT key to choose ON/OFF (start or stop the measuring mode).  
Confirm with OK  
Press RETURN to choose a new site

Illustration 73

Illustration 74 resp. 37



**Illustration 73**

Site : 00 channel1  
level : 0.000 m  
Velocity : 0.000 m/s  
Flow : 0.000 l/s  
Total : 23.00000 m<sup>3</sup>  
Qty since: 09.09.98 12:10  
12.00000 m<sup>3</sup>  
Int. sensor

REPORT GRAPHIC RETURN



Indication of measuring values incl. site #, total, etc.

**Key REPORT**

Illustration 40

**Key GRAPHIC**

Illustration 43

**Key RETURN**

Illustration 72 or 38

**Illustration 74**

Site :  
00 channel  
01  
02  
03  
04  
05

OK UP DOWN RETURN



Select a stored site with UP/DOWN keys.

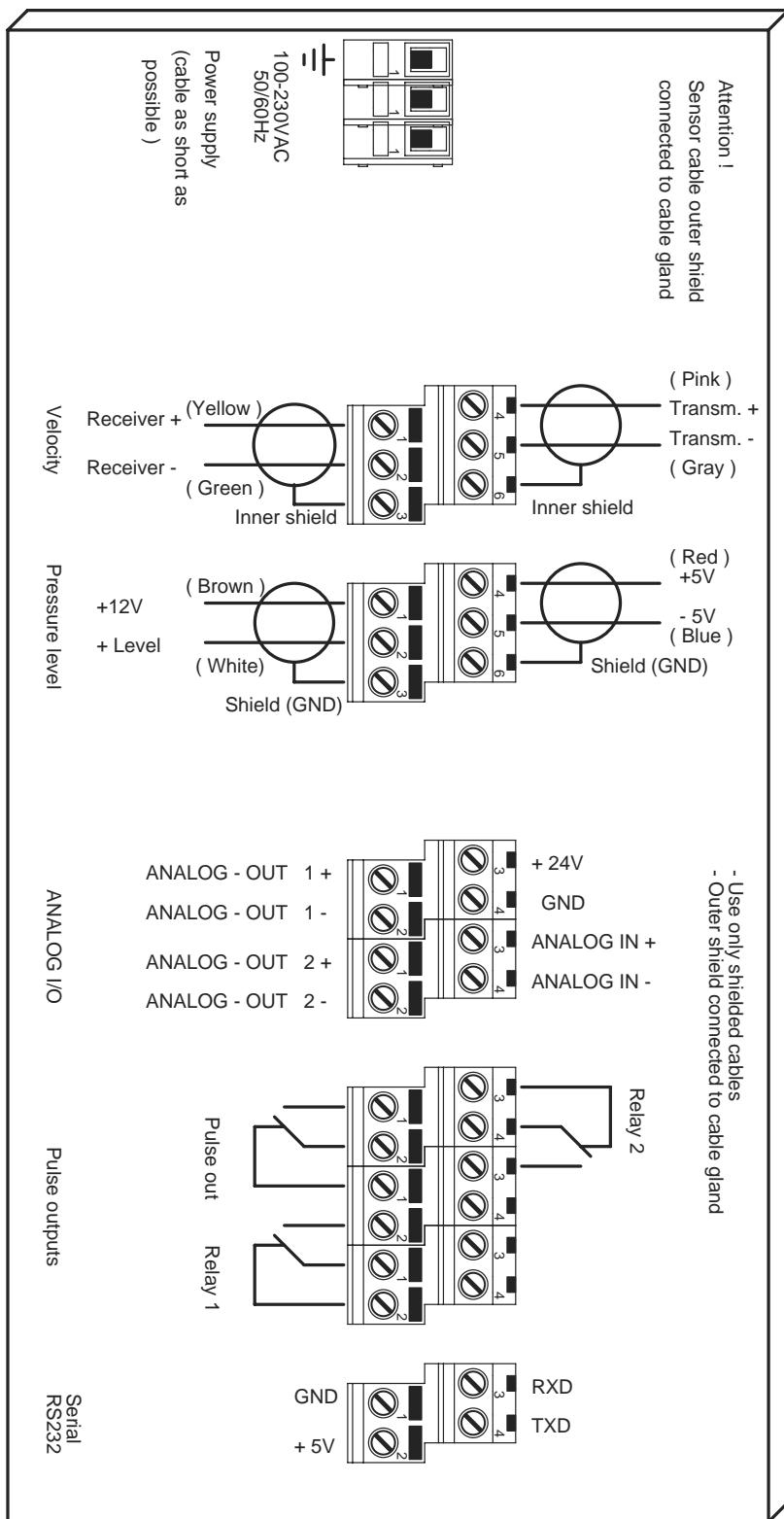
Confirm with OK.

**Key RETURN**

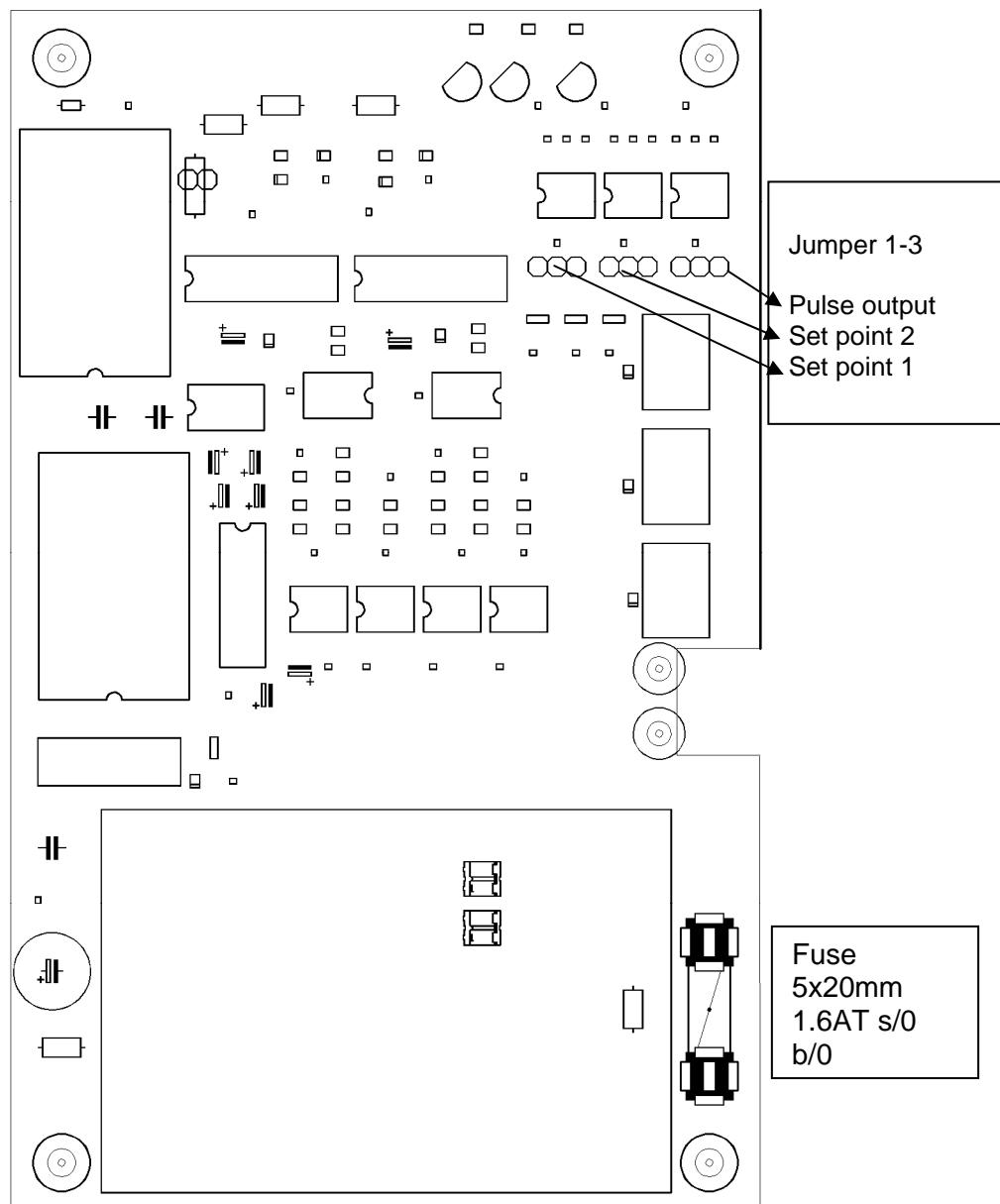
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## 8. Wiring terminals

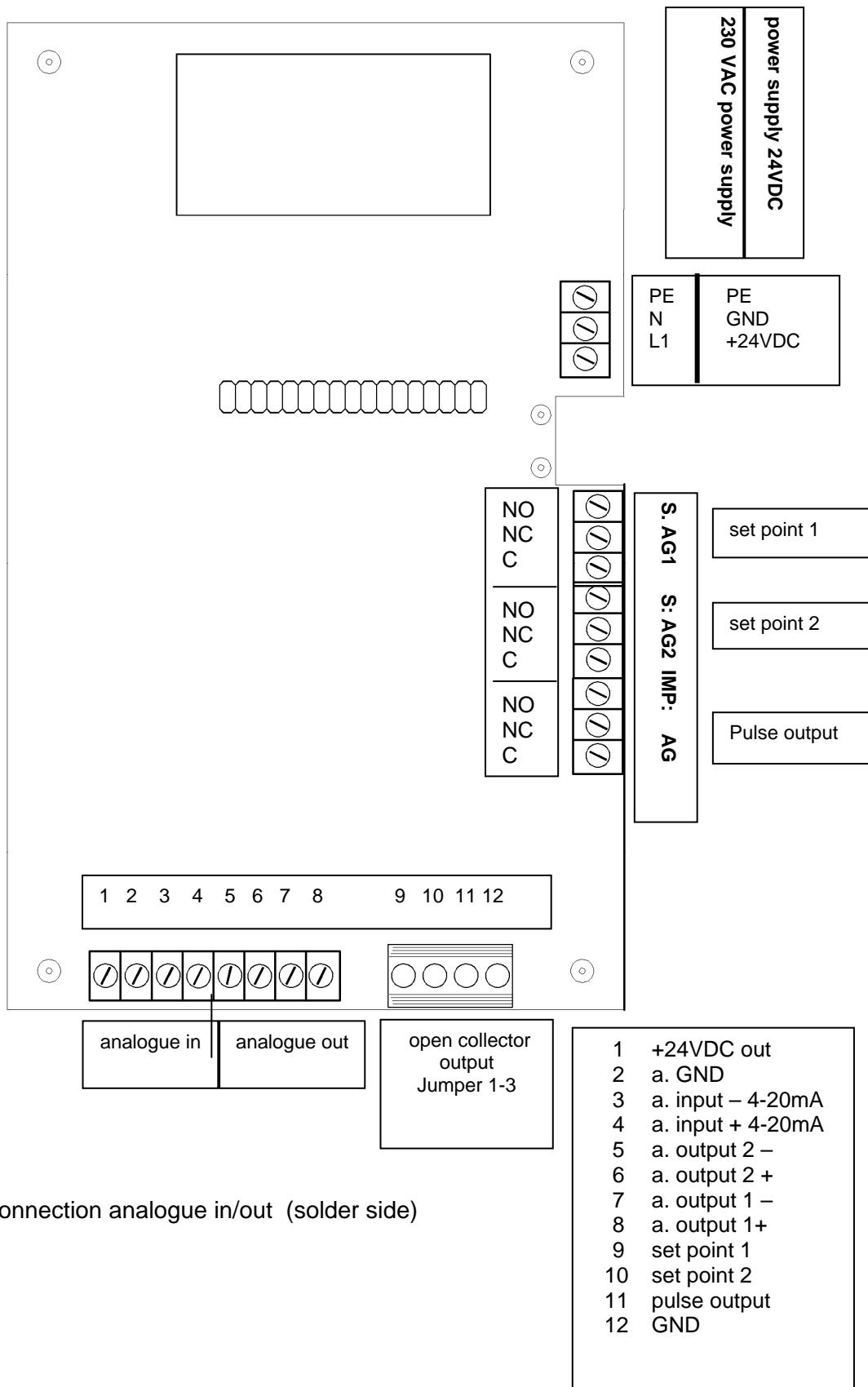


## 9. Analogue board input/output

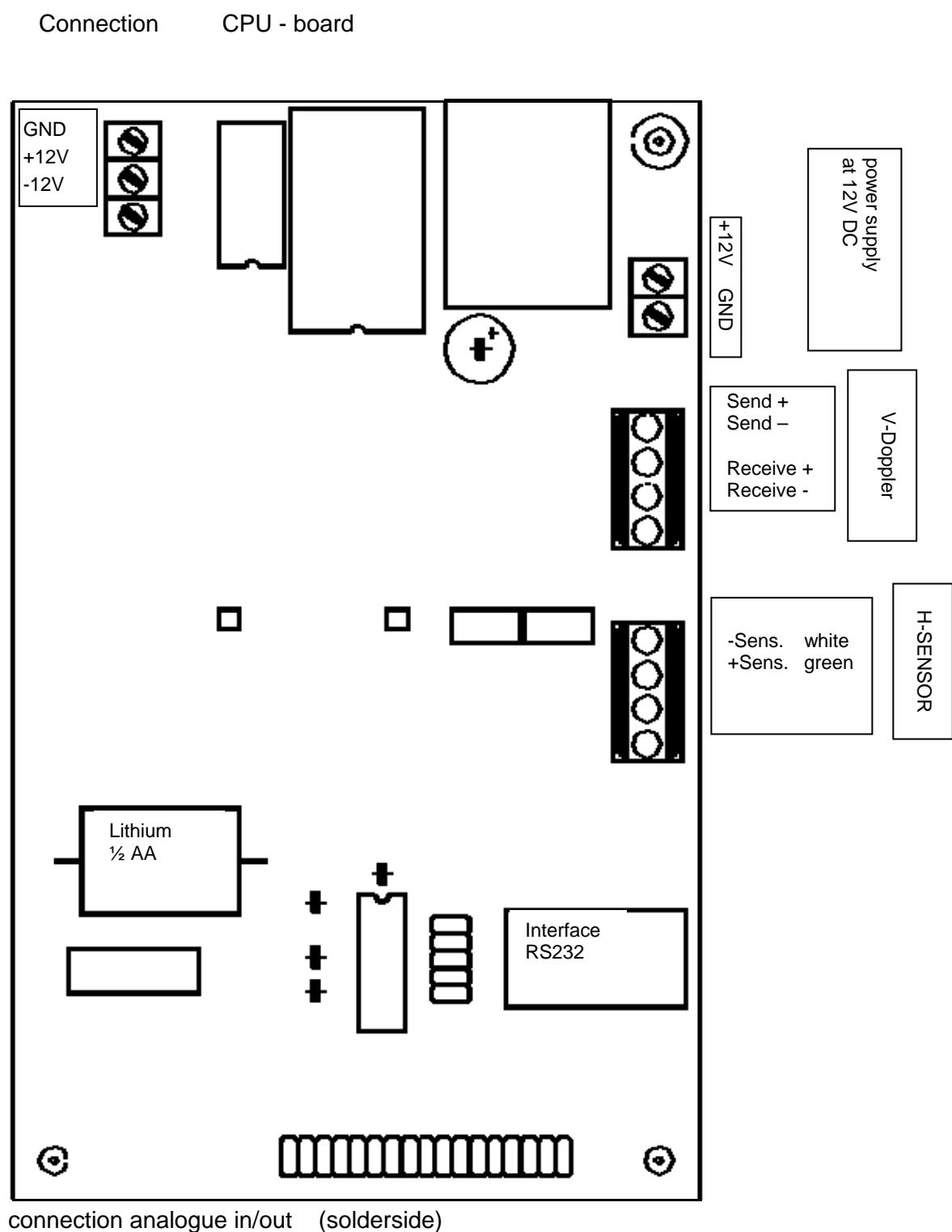


connection analogue in/out (component side)





## 10. CPU board



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